

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	MUNICIPALITY OF OUTES
PIC number:	893836862
Project name and acronym:	Strategic and Human Rebirth in European Local Community — EURebirth

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	1 st International Event "POST COVID 19 PANDEMIC EFFECTS ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES / HOW TO BE REBORN?"		
Type:	1 st International Event; Good practices visit; conference; working groups panel.		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Outes (Galicia, Spain)		
Date(s):	23rd-24th March 2023		
Website(s) (if any):	/		
Participants			
Female:	27		
Male:	25		
Non-binary:	/		
From country 1 [Spain]:	43		
From country 2 [Italy]:	3		
From country 3 [Romania]:	3		
From country 4 [Croatia]:	3		
Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
EURebirth first transnational project event took place in Outes, Spain, from March 23rd to 24th, 2023. Besides hosting the 1 st transnational project coordination meeting, the event included visits to exemplary initiatives, a conference on the effects of the post-COVID-19 pandemic on local communities, with a			

focus on strategies for revitalization, and working groups activities to identify concrete actions related to project topics.

A summary of each activity is provided here below:

A) 1st Transnational Project Coordination meeting

The 1st Transnational Project Coordination Meeting was held in Outes on March 23rd, 2023, setting the stage for collaborative initiatives and strategic planning within the EUREbirth project partnership. The primary focus was on the project's iterative nature, stakeholder involvement, and the development of a roadmap through region-specific surveys. Discussions also encompassed potential Mayoral participation in the EU initiative "Building Europe with Local Councilors (BELC)," upcoming events, impact measurement, and the organization of engaging online and hybrid events.



B) Visit to Good Practices

On the 23rd of March 2023, the Municipality of Outes organized a visit to good practices on sustainable tourism for the EUREbirth project partners to Cabaniñas do Bosque, a complex of bungalows in the woods, and their new facility: Spasinho, a unique thermo-spa located in the near area.



Cabaniñas do Bosque and Spasinho are a private initiative, partially funded by FEDER, owned by a local family. The space is built among two traditional houses, mostly refurbished by the family of owners. Their idea was to create a sustainable spa and relaxing experience, where the architectural elements of Galician heritage are intertwined with modern sustainable structures. As an example, the different rooms from the spa routine are named after typical elements of Galician houses, and the structure and stone walls of the original houses are preserved, putting in value the traditional architecture of this area. Manuel, the owner, explains that in their design sustainability was a key element, as an example, the water system is one of the most advanced in water recycling and saving. Moreover, Spasinho has been granted with the certification of low energy expenditure.

Concerning their Rebirth when facing the Covid-19 pandemic, Manuel explains that, even though it was a challenge, it helped their business evolve. When dealing with guests, they developed a custom mobile phone App for them to manage their stay without having to have direct contact with staff. Looking back, Manuel states that during that time their sales increased in comparison with the current years.

Spasinho and Cabaniñas do Bosque are a unique experience in the Outes highlands, putting in value the traditional elements of Galician heritage, bringing sustainability and harmony with the environment to the tourism of the region.

On the following day, the 24th of March 2023, the Municipality of Outes organized a visit to good practices on promotion and conservation of local heritage for the EUREbirth project partners to the Museum of carpentry of Ribeira de Outes.



The shipyard of Ciprián (name of the original owner in the past) was refurbished and opened as a Museum on February 2023, recovering and reusing original elements, as well as displaying some of them on the main rooms. The guided tour was hosted by Iago Penedo, the architect behind the reconstruction of the old shipyard.

The visit began with a brief introduction of Outes history, a place where natural elements (large tracts of native wood forests and sea-side) propelled the economy to shipbuilding, transforming the ria of Muros-Noia on one of the most renowned in this matter. The Museum is an initiative of the Municipality to display, remember and preserve their heritage, as well as continuing with this tradition, allowing the space to be used for shipbuilding.

The inside of the Museum is divided into three rooms: in the first one, visitors can discover through panels about the role of the shipbuilding industry in Outes and its surrounding area, as well as the story of Ciprián, the original owner of the building. In the second, a video about the construction process of wooden boats is continuously projected.

The third room exhibits the most representative elements of a traditional trade that is an essential part of the history of Outes. Among the most outstanding pieces is an Ayón engine, which powered the saw used to cut wood. A carpenter's bench, boat plans and various tools complete this permanent collection.

On the outside, two more huts are built in wood, completing the shipyard complex. One of them is employed as a warehouse, to store the tools and materials used in the construction of small boats. The other will be converted into a tourist office, where visitors will not only obtain information about the museum dedicated to shipbuilding, but will also be informed about other points of interest in the Municipality.

C) Conference: “Post COVID-19 Pandemic Effects on Local Communities / How to be Reborn?”

On 24th of March 2023, partners attended to the Conference “Post Covid-19 pandemic effects on local communities / How to be reborn?”.



Mr. Manuel González López, Mayor of Outes, started the Conference by welcoming all participants. Following, Mr. Francesco Marchionni, in behalf of Municipality of Capizzzone, presented the EUREbirth Project “Strategic and human rebirth in European local communities”.

EUREbirth emerged after Covid-19, as a mean to transform its negative effects into positive and beneficial situations for the community: how to be reborn. One of the main issues the communities face, and one of the key aspects of the project, is youth involvement. Through them, the project intends to

transform society by enhancing equality, promoting the exchange between citizens of different European countries, fostering the values and knowledge of cultural heritage.

To achieve this objective, EURebirth introduces the creation of an observatory, with the aim to discover the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had into the citizenship, as well as an innovative methodology that is based on a circular model where the feedback from citizens is taken into account and integrated into the development of new policies.

Following, Iago Penedo and Carlos Campos present the Project Renatur_Outes, a good practice on environmental restoring and urban planning financed by Next Generation EU and PRTR, for the Municipality of Outes.

Renatur_Outes is a project focused on revitalizing and integrating the Tins river (one of the largest rivers in Galicia) into the lifestyle of Outes citizens and visitors, by taking it into account in the urban plan of the Municipality.

The restructuring of the town in harmony with the river is a sustainable approach to the topic, in accordance with native flora and fauna, with a future perspective and also considering the citizen's needs. In this sense, the reconstruction of the urban area is envisaged in four parts, with the intention to recover public spaces for the effective use of citizenship.

D) Working groups Panel

Continuing with the session, partners took part in the activity Working Groups Panel, to identify the concrete actions related to the project topics that later will become the drivers of the actions to be carried out in the following meetings.



After a brief joint discussion, three main topics were identified, responsible for the development and resurface of rural communities after Covid-19: Economic development, urban planning and social services.

Following, participants divided into three groups, where each one worked on identifying the Challenges, Ideas & solutions, and Concrete actions of the topics at hand. The results were the following:

-Economic development:

The challenges faced by rural communities within this matter are related to mobility (lack of transport connections) and the disengagement of the youth in the economic activities of the territory. Partners point that some of the means to deal with these challenges are to create career opportunities for the young population within the Municipality, to better the transport connections to the cities (where the majority of the work places, education centres and services are located) and to develop policies that enhance the economy of the rural territory (such as agriculture, forestry, seashell fishing, etc.), to increase their attractiveness and facilitate access to the new generations.

The concrete actions to be carried out to face these challenges can be, as an example, the Renatur_Outes project, which is aimed at territorial revalorisation. Another relevant topic on this matter is to maintain the basic services in rural areas (supermarket, hospital, banks...), that ensure quality of life to its inhabitants.

-Urban planning:

Faced with the challenges on how to attract tourism, how to provide job in rural areas, how to implement mobility and how to "connect" the rural areas with the urban areas, partners focus on affordable and quality public transportation as well as enabling the use of sustainable ways of transport, such as bicycle -by creating a bicycle lane- or car-sharing -by developing a safe platform that will allow people to organise and share their private method of transportation-.

-Social services:

The main challenges identified within this topic are: the population decline, the differences between rural areas and urban areas, the lack of public transport (mobility), lack of educational and social services offer in some rural areas.

The ideas and solutions to tackle these challenges are several, as follow: to encourage young people to live in rural areas; to establish partnerships between public and private entities; to revitalize mobility; to reconnect with historical heritage and encourage local traditions; to enhance local educational initiatives and to revitalize or create a new structure of social services.

These ideas and solutions are then turned into concrete actions, such as: to lower the price of housing; to revitalise the routes of transport by establishing a partnership between public and private entities; to develop an online education method to be applied in rural communities; to encourage youth entrepreneurship by developing policies that favours them and, lastly, to create social centres and medical facilities where they are needed.

Communication and dissemination

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